

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation-in-Part Application Under
37 CFR 1.53(b) :

Prior Application: Y. INABA et al
Serial No. 10/232,721
Filed: September 9, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2175
Examiner: J. Veillard
For: A METHOD OF AND AN APPARATUS FOR
RETRIEVING AND DELIVERING DOCUMENTS
AND A RECORDING MEDIA ON WHICH A
PROGRAM FOR RETRIEVING AND DELIVERING
DOCUMENTS ARE STORED

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)
UNDER § 1.97 AND § 1.98

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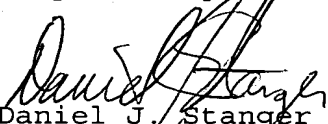
November 24, 2003

Sir:

The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form
constitute the art of record in the parent application
identified above.

The Applicants request the Examiner to initial and return
copies of the attached PTO-1449 Forms as an indication that
the references have been considered.

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AA	6,041,323	03/21/00	Kubota			
AB	5,991,755	11/23/99	Noguchi et al			
AC	5,680,612	10/21/97	Asada et al			
AD	5,745,745	04/28/98	Tada et al			
AE	6,173,253	01/09/01	Abe et al			
AF	5,970,485	10/19/99	Sugaya et al			
AG	6,282,538	08/2001	Woods			
AH	5,835,087	11/1998	Herz et al			
AI	5,905,980	05/1999	Masuichi et al			
AJ	5,907,836	05/1999	Sumita et al			
AK	6,473,754	10/2002	Matsubayashi et al			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
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AR	D. Harman, "Ranking Algorithms", INFORMATION RETRIEVAL, 1992, pp. 363-391					
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